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In re Application of	) ) Group Art Unit: TBA
Tremblay et al.	) ) Examiner: TBA
Serial No. TBA	)
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HCaRG, A Novel Calcium-Regulated Gene Coding for a Nuclear Protein For:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment before examining the application referenced above.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please insert the following paragraph after the title:

This is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 09/223,796 filed December 31, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/667,495 filed June 21, 1996, now abandoned. This application also claims the benefit of co-pending Canadian application No. 2,312,266 filed July 14, 2000. Each of these applications is incorporated by reference herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 16, 2001

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